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## Eagle Ridge RESORT & SPA

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

#### **EAGLE RIDGE RESORT & SPA PROMOTES AHMED, FURLONG**

(GALENA, Ill. – February 21, 2007) – Ikhlas Ahmed, 53, has been promoted to general manager at Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa, an award-winning 6,800-acre property in northwest Illinois' scenic Galena Territory.

Ahmed has served as interim general manager since September, 2006, and is responsible for the overall operations of the resort. He also retains his current position as director of finance at Eagle Ridge, which he has held since 1993.

In another move, Kim Furlong, 44, was promoted to director of group sales from executive meeting manager, a position she has held since 2003. Her responsibilities include the management of sales operations in Galena and Chicago.

Ahmed joined Eagle Ridge from the McCormick Center Hotel in Chicago. There, he served as corporate controller for Aerie Hotels and Resorts, directing the opening of the Silver Eagle Riverboat Casino. He also oversaw financial management of the McCormick Center Hotel and the Essex Hotel in Chicago.

Furlong worked for America West Airlines before holding room service manager, food and beverage training manager and convention services manager positions at Eagle Ridge.

Furlong reports to General Manager Ahmed as she begins her 15<sup>th</sup> year.

Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa is a full-spectrum resort complex that has been named to “Best of...” lists by Better Homes & Gardens and Midwest Living magazines. The resort boasts 63 holes of golf on four courses; Stonedrift Spa, a fitness center with indoor pool and whirlpool; miles of biking, hiking and horseback trails; tennis; boating and fishing on the 220-acre Lake Galena; and hot air balloon rides. For reservations or more information, call 800.892.2269 or visit online at [www.eagleridge.com](http://www.eagleridge.com).

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